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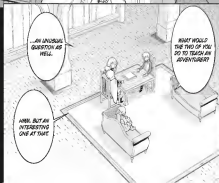
WHAT'S GOT
YOU THINKING
SO MUCH?

AH.



IS THERE
SOMETHING
TROUBLING
YOU?

MY TOWN
IS QUITE
ODD.
IF
THERE IS
SOME-
THING, I
WOULD
LIKE TO
HEAR
ABOUT
IT AS
WELL.



WHAT WOULD
THE TWO OF YOU
DO TO TEACH AN
ADVENTURER?

...AN UNUSUAL
QUESTION AS
WELL.

WELL, BUT AN
INTERESTING
ONE AT THAT





W, WHAT'S
TAKING YOU OUT
OF THE
SLEEP?

TONGA

W, WHAT
—?

TONGA



EVERY ONE
IS TOO SCARED
OF ME!!

I WOULD
ADDITION
THEIR
WORLD
AND
NOT
INTENSE
ADDITION
TONGA

BAPTISM
OF FIRE
ALL THE
BEST!



TEAR
THEM TO
SHARDS
AND
THROW
THEM
AROUND!

SHEDDING
HAIR??

ISN'T
THAT
THE
SAME
AS
WHAT
I
SAID?



— WHAT
WOULD YOU
GIVE ME?



ASTE-
SAN

TEACH
SOME-
BODY
LOWER
THAN
ME!



TRYIN'
TO
TEACH
SMALL
KIT IS A
WASTE
OF
TIME!

DON'T BE
STUPID.



I'LL GET YOU IN REAL TROUBLE...

AAA, HE'S JUST TRYING TO SOUND COOL.

GET IT, THAT'S VERY PHILOSOPHICAL FOR YOU.



STOPPED ASSEMBLING BEFORE AT THE BOTTOM

NO POINT IN TEACHIN' ANYONE WHILE THEY'RE WEAK.



...IS SOMEONE BY THEIR SIDE TO CHEER THEM ON, I BELIEVE.

WHEN AN ADVENTURER HAS TO TAKE RISKS, RIGHT THEY NEED...

GOT A FEELING WE'LL BE HERE A WHILE.

...WELL, PUTTING ASIDE WHY YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS, AIZ...



SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN RECENTLY?

YOU KNOW, AIZ—



THANKS, FAN...



...FAN?





AH, I'M
SURE...

— YEAH.

...YOU'RE
HAVING FUN.



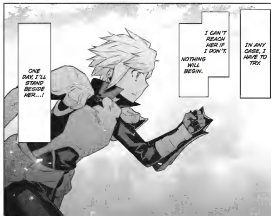






CAN
I...

...REALLY
CATCH UP
TO HER?



ONE
DAY, I'LL
STAND
BESIDE
HER....!

I CAN'T
REACH
HER IF
I DON'T.
NOTHING
WILL
BEGIN.

IN ANY
CASE, I
HAVE TO
TRY





SH-SHUT
UP!

BE
QUIET, OR
IT'LL—



—WUH?

UWAHHH?



WHY THE HELL...?



WHY THE HELL ARE YOU...

...ON THE NINTH FLOOR?!

Mr
OO
OO...

HN
FF





STEP 39 !! A PROMOTION?













NO BIG DEAL.
IT'LL ONLY
TAKE A
SECOND!

HOW
ABOUT
UPDATING
YOUR
STATUS
BEFORE
YOU GO?
IT'S BEEN A
WHILE
SINCE
THE
LAST
TIME, RIGHT?



...DELL-
KIM.

YOUR
"DEFENSE"
WAS GONE
THROUGH
THE ROOF!

HAS IT
ONLY BEEN
ONE
WEEK?

THE KENKI
MUST'VE
BEATEN
THE
LIVING
DAY-
LIGHT'S
OUT OF
YOU.

...HA,
HA-HA-
HA...

BOBBY
TO
BRING
UP THE
FIST, BUT—



SHIT?

WELL,
WELL,
YOU
GEE—

...LAY
YOUR
HEAD
DOWN
ON HER
LAP?

...YOU
AND
THE
KENKI
DON'T
DO
ANY
THING
...
...ARE-
CAN'T
DO
HOLD
LIKE
MAYBE
BY
CHANCE
...

[illegible]

FIELD IS NOW
LOS ANGELES
EXCHANGED INTO
MAY BE

1. **NAME OF THE**
COMPANY/ FIRM
ADDRESS -
POSTAL CODE -



CHANGING
THE
CULTURE
OF
WORK



WHETHER
IT'S LIVE
COMBAT
OR
TRAINING

BUT
GOOFING
OFF OR
DOING
THROUGH
THE
MOTIONS
WON'T
HELP

...THE
ITL
SECTION

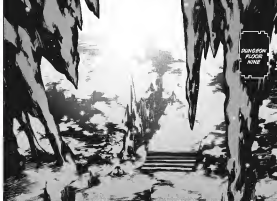


DOING IT PROPERLY IS THE IMPORTANT THING.











STRANGE...
HOW SO...?

...BUT
ISN'T THIS
STRANGE
...?

...NOT
SURE
HOW TO
PUT IT...



I FEEL
TERRIBLE.

I DON'T
GET IT...



AND IT'S
BEEN TOO
QUIET
SINCE WE
ENTERED
THE NINTH
FLOOR.

THERE
ARE
HARDLY
ANY
MONSTERS
AROUND.

NOW
THAT
YOU
MEN-
TION
IT...



...LET'S
GET
TO THE
TENTH
FLOOR.
QUICKLY.

S-BELL-
SOUND?



—UOOO.

STEP 48 >>> AFFINITY





.....







A
MINOTAUR
!?

WHAT'S
IT DOING
HERE!?



WE
SHOULD
HURRY
AND GET
AWAY
FROM...

BELL-
SARAT

L-
LET'S
RUN,
BELL-
SARAT

WE
DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE!



Ah...

Ah...
ah...





FF0000



I'M SO SCARED
I CAN
BARELY
TAKE IT
OUT...



...EVEN
SCARIER!

...
LETTING
HER DIE
IS —



—















—I
CAN'T
WIN.











...THE
FIRST HERO
I LOOKED
UP TO WAS
GRANDPA.

WITHOUT A
DOUBT...

IMPOSSIBLE
FOR A HERO
LIKE ME.

—NOW
THAT
GODS ARE
ABOUT
TO SHOW
UP...
...EVEN IF
THE OTHER
SAY THEY
WON'T, THEY
WILL BE
STANDING
THERE,
EVEN ALONE.
HELL.

HE WAS
THE BODY
OF A
WARRIOR

...AND I
FELT
HAPPY
IN HIS
BIG
HANDS.

GRANDPA
WAS THE
COOLEST

BUT
SAYING
THAT HE
COULDN'T
BE ONE
WAS A LIE

GRANDPA
ALWAYS
ADMONISHED
THE HEROES.

By
ONE



GET HELP
WHEN YOUR
LIFE'S ON
THE LINE.

LISTEN
UP, BOY.
RUN IF
YOU'RE IN
DANGER.
DON'T
IF YOU'RE
SCARED.

IF A LADY
LOOKS
FIBBER,
APOLOGISE
RIGHT
AWAY.



BOAT'S
SHAMEFUL IS
NOT MOVING
FORWARD
BECAUSE YOU
CAN'T MAKE
UP YOUR
MIND—

BEING
LAUGHED
AT...
...ISN'T
SHAMEFUL
AT ALL.



RIGHT
NOW—

—
SHAMEFUL.



I CAN'T
MOVE.



WE'LL BE
KILLED...

IF I
JUST
STAND
HERE,
BOTH
LILLY
AND I
WILL —





COME
ON...

MOVE!!



GETTA
DET SOME
DISTANCE.

GUH...













...
LIKE
HELL I
CAN...?



NOW
I CAN
MAKE A
BREAK
FOR IT!

GOOD
BYE



MAKE
A...
...
RUN
FOR
IT...?



WHY'S TO
STOP THIS
THING FROM
CHASING HER
IF I LEFT
NOW...?



IF IT
FOUND
HER, THEN
LILLY'D
BE...

LILLY
WOULD
...?



...DAMN
IT!!





YOU KNOW, ONCE A WEAPON'S BROKEN, THERE'S NO FIXING IT.

LIKES ARE GONNA FLY!

NOW WE CAN TEAR IT UP IN THE DEEP FLOORS!



STILL RELEASED!

THE!

HEPHAISTOS'S ROOM SMITHS...

...ARE COMING WITH US THIS TIME!

AH, DID YOU HEAR?

MM-HMM... I HEARD TOO. THAT'S GREAT.



GLAD TO HEAR IT.

HEPHAISTOS FAMILIA, EN?

AT LEAST THEY WON'T BE HOLDING US BACK.



DOES IT FEEL THAT GOOD TO LOOK DOWN ON OTHER ADVENTURERS?

I HATE STUFF LIKE THAT.

BETE, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT?

BETE'S ARRO-GANCE STRIKES AGAIN.

THERE IT IS...

GOT A PROBLEM?





AUGH.
SHUT
UP,
SHUT
UP!

THEN
TAKE
CARE
WITH
YOUR
WORDS.

IT IS
AS IF YOU
WANT US
TO MIS-
UNDER-
STAND.

IT'D BE
EMBARRAS-
SING TO
FEEL ALL
ACCOM-
PLISHED
COMPARING
MYSELF TO
SMALL FRY.

JUST
BEIN'
REAL-
ISTIC
HERE.

DON'T
GET
THE
WRONG
IDEA.



ACTING
LIKE
THEY'RE
ALL THAT
WHEN THEY
CAN'T DO
CRAP.

MAKES
ME
WANNA
PUNK.

I
CAN'T
STAND
WIMPS.
THAT'S
ALL.



JUST
KNOW
YOUR
PLACE.
THAT'S
ALL I'M
SAYIN'.

THAT'S
RIGHT! YOU
STARTED
OUT JUST
AS WEAK
AS THE
REST,
BUT?

ALL I
WANT IS
CONCERN-
LESSNESS
FOR ONE
WHO ONCE
WALKED
IN THEIR
SHOES.

LO
OCCUPY

LO
OCCUPY





IT'S THE
WHOLE LOT!
FAMILIA!

ON
EXPE-
TION!

WAIT...
IS THAT
VANIRGAND
BETE
LOKA?



STICK
A
BLOODY
TO
SAVE
YOUR
OWN
SKIN
?

HEY,
YOU
WHAT'S
GOT
YOU
SO
WORKED
UP?



HEY,
STAND
DOWN!

SAY
THAT
AGAIN
...?



...
WHAT?

...THERE
WAS A
MINOTAUR.



A
MINOTAUR
WITH A
GREAT-SWORD
IS HICKING
AWAY...

—AT
SOME
WHITE-
HAIRRED
KID IN
THE
UPPER
LEVELS !!

A
MINO-
TAUR,
I TELL
YOU!



—



WHERE
WAS
IT?

I'VE
NEVER
HEARD OF
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT,
NOT EVEN A
MINOR...



Y-YES,
THERE'S
NO
MISTAKE.

GREAT-SWORD
...

NOT
SOME
"LAND-
FORM"?

*LANDFORM: A METEOR, HELIOPOLY ORIGINATES FROM THE
SURFACES, USUALLY CARRIED BY MONSTERING



WHERE
IS THE
ADVENTURER
BEING
ATTACKED?



N-NINTH
FLOOR...
NOT
TOO
FAIR
IN...



YOU
HAVE
TO
ASK?

...WHAT
ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO DO?

YOU
GUESS
THE
EX-
PE-
TION?

FINAL...
DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'RE
GOING
...?

WE
WILL
MOVE
AHEAD!

WHAT?

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'RE
STAYING
HERE,
RIVERA?

ALL
FORCES
WILL
CONVENE
ON LEVEL
EIGHTEEN
AS
PLANNED!

Y-YES,
SIR?

RAUL!
TAKE
THE
LEAD!



MY THUMB
WON'T STOP
TINGLING.

I WANT
TO SEE
WHAT
HAPPENS
WITH
MY OWN
EYES.



STEP 42 >> THE BUNK OF DESPAIR









I NEED TO BUY ENOUGH TIME FOR LILLY TO GET AWAY...

THAT'S ALL...

DODGE!

DUCK!

DON'T LET IT GET CLOSE ...!

EVASIVE!

WHA—

DIDN'T HAVE TO BE PRETTY JUST KEEP DODGING!

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
RIGHT?!

AS LONG
AS I CAN
ENDURE
ANOTHER
SECOND,
THAT'S.....





WHAA
—/?

WEEK
COMICS











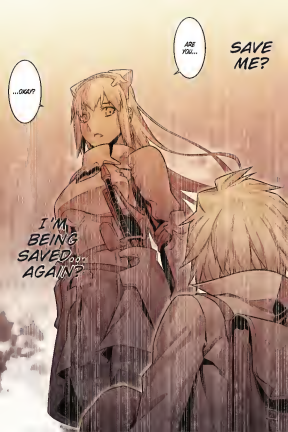


...RIGHT?

ARE
YOU...

**SAVE
ME?**

**I'M
BEING
SAVED...
AGAIN?**



WHO?

— ME.

BY
HER?

JUST
LIKE
BEFORE?

EXACTLY
THE SAME
WAY?

IF I CAN'T
IMPRESS
HER NOW,
THEN WHEN
CAN I?

IF I
CAN'T
REACH A
NEW HEIGHT
NOW, WHEN
THE HELL
WILL I?

IF YOU'VE
GOT TIME TO
BE SCARED,
HARDEN YOUR
RESOLVE!

I WON'T BE
MY SAME
WEAK SELF
WHO CAN'T
DO ANYTHING
BUT BE SAVED
BY HER—I
WON'T!!

DON'T LET
HER SEE
ANYTHING
MORE
PATHETIC
THAN SHE
ALREADY
HAS!

SHE'S THE
ONE YOU
ADORE! THE
PERSON YOU
WANT YOUR
FEELINGS
TO REACH,
MORE THAN
ANYONE!

GET UP!
STAND UP!!

HOW MANY
TIMES ARE
YOU GOING
TO LET HER
SAVE YOU?

I WON'T
LET THAT
HAPPEN! I
WON'T! I
WON'T!

...NEVER!!



I WON'T
BE SAVED
AGAIN...

...BY AIZ
WALLEN-
STEIN!





WELL, IT'S
AGAINST
THE RULES
TO STEAL
SOMEONE
ELSE'S
KILL.

YOU GOT
REJECT-
ED, AIZ.

GAH
HA
HAA
HAA!

DON'T
TELL ME
THAT'S
TOMATO
BOY?

EH?
THAT
WHITE
HEAD....

HEY!

THAT
BOY'S
ONLY
LEVEL
ONE,
RIGHT?
HE
NEEDS
OUR
HELP!

JUST
LIKE
LAST
TIME,
GAME
MONSTER,
GAME
SAVOR,
IT'D BE
HUMB-
LIM
BEING
SEEN
LIKE
THAT
ASHA

THAT'S
HIM!
ALL
RIGHT!
NO
WONDER
HE
DIDN'T
WANT
TO BE
SAVED.







WHAT
THE HELL
HAPPENED
...!?



HE'S LIKE A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
PERSON!!
THIS ISN'T
POSSIBLE...

HE WAS
JUST A
NEBBIE...
NO
DOUBT
ABOUT
IT...





Handwritten text on a piece of paper, possibly a label or note, with some illegible markings.



DON'T
Worry
ABOUT
SIZE!



IT'S
JUST BIG,
THAT'S
ALL!



FOCUS!
KEEP
YOUR
EYES
OPEN!



YOU
FOUGHT
SOMEONE
ALREADY
FASTER
THAN THIS
THING
COUNTLESS
TIMES
BEFORE!

THIS
ISN'T
SOME
PATHETIC
FANTASY

YOU'RE
NOT
CAUGHT
UP IN
YOUR OWN
EGO.

YOU'RE
NOT DAY-
DREAMING

...ABOUT
SOME UN-
OBTAINABLE
WISDOM

**I—WANT
TO BE A
HERO!!**

STEP 44 >> AERONAUT





...WHO
JOURNEYED
DEEP INTO A
LABYRINTH TO
RESCUE HIS
KIDNAPPED
QUEEN FROM
A BULL-
MONSTER...

THE STORY
OF A YOUNG
MAN WITH
THE DREAM
OF BEING A
HERO...

ARGONAUT—
A LEGEND
FROM LONG
AGO.



ARGONAUT...



I'VE
ALWAYS
LOVED THAT
STORY...

A
COMICAL
MAN'S
HEROIC
TALE...

...HE
GRADU-
ALLY
MADE
PROGRESS
AND
RESCUED
THE
QUEEN

DESPITE
THE ODDS,
WITH THE
HELP
OF HIS
FRIENDS
AND
WEAPONS
GIVEN TO
HIM BY
SPIRITS...

HE WAS
SOMETIMES
DUPED AND
SOMETIMES
USED...



...IS HE
REALLY—?





THIS
BEAUTIFUL
SCENE....??

CAN YOU
SEE IT,
OTTAR?













MY
BASELARD
...JP



RELL-SAMA!







INTERESTING

—
SWITCHED
HANDS.

MRO
OOO!!







YAAA!









HAAA!



UOOO?





...BELL-
GANA!

LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
DONE
PLAYING
AROUND...

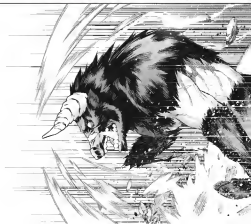
THAT
SOUND
...
WAS
ONLY
CAUSE
LIKE
THAT
A
DIS-
PERATION!



HAHAHAHA!!



MR
OO
OO
OO!!











FIREBOLT!!



HAAAA!!



FIREBOLT!!



MR O!!

MR R O!!

UM R O!!

MR R O!!



FIREBOLT!!











YOU
CAN
READ
HARD-
GLYNNOR,
CAN'T
YOU?

DIVE-
BAY!

TELL ME
THAT ACP'S
STATUS!

...TOM!



ARE YOU
TELLING
ME TO
STEAL
PERSONAL
DATA?



THAT
AIN'T
STEAL-
ING!

IT'S
OUT IN
THE OPEN
FOR THE
WHOLE
WORLD
TO SEE!



THE
CRIMINAL

AM I
RIGHT
IF

YOU
JUST
SAID
IT!
WHAT
LAW'S
BEIN'
BROKEN
IF





...ARE ALL
'S."

HIS
ABILITIES



ALL
ST-?



N-NO
CLUE...
NEVER
HEARD
IT...

TOO
CLOSE

NAME
...

WHAT'S
HIS
NAME?

BE THAT
AS IT MAY,
I CAN
BARELY
BELIEVE
HE IS
LEVEL
ONE

WITH AN
"SS"—HE
EVEN HAS AN
ABILITY THAT
HAS GONE
BEYOND THE
LIMIT. IT IS
UNFORTUNATE
THAT I
CANNOT SEE
HIS SKILLS...



BELL.



**BELL
CRANELL.**

*I WANT
TO BE
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU,
SOMEONE
STRONG
LIKE
YOU. I
WANT TO
BECOME
MY OWN
HERO.*

*BUT
YOU
HELP
YOUR
GROOMING.
YOU
DON'T
LOSE TO
THAT
MONSTER.*

*YES, YOU
GOT AUNT
PRETTY BAD...
COULD HARDLY
BELIEVE IT.*

BE PROUD.

*YOU LOOKED
GOOD OUT
THERE, BELL.*





WELL
THEN,
WOULD
YOU BE
HAPPY IF
I BECAME
LIKE ONE
OF THE
HEROES
IN THE
STORIES?

IF AN OLD
GEEZER LIKE
ME IS YOUR
GOAL...

...AIM FOR
SOMETHING
EVEN BIGGER!

THAT ALL?
TOO LOW,
TOO LOW!

...YOU CAN DO
ANYTHING.

IF IT'S FOR
THE WOMEN
YOU FALL IN
LOVE WITH,
WHETHER IT'S
BECOMING
A HERO OR
HUNTER...
ELSE...

SHOW
OFF!

ALWAYS
FACE
FORWARD!

REAL
MEN CHANGE
AFTER
LADIES!
BUT!!
RESCUE THE
DAMGELS IN
DISTRESS!

BUT OF
COURSE!

YOU'RE MY
PRIDE AND JOY
AND ALWAYS
WILL BE.

AFTER ALL,
YOU'RE MY
GRANDSON! I'M
SO PROUD OF

...SO DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
MAKING
THAT OLD
BONCH HAPPY



WHAT
ARE YOU
DREAMING
ABOUT,
BELL-
KUN...?

...AND
THERE
WERE
SO MANY
THINGS
THAT
NEEDED
TO BE
SAID.



A close-up of a young girl with dark hair and large, expressive eyes. She has cat-like ears on her head and is wearing a white dress with a large bow at the neck. She is smiling warmly.

THIS IS
THE FIRST
PAGE.



A girl with cat ears is hugging a boy who is lying down. The girl is smiling and looking down at the boy. The boy has spiky hair and is wearing a white shirt. They are in a room with a large window in the background.

CONGRAT-
ULATIONS,
BELL-
KUN—

YOU
DID
YOUR
BEST...

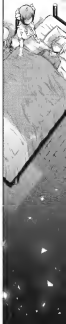
A large, dark, furry monster with a wide, toothy grin is the central focus, roaring with its mouth open. It has a small horn on its head and is surrounded by several smaller characters. One character with spiky hair is in the foreground, looking up at the monster. Another character with long hair is in the background, looking on with a concerned expression. The scene is filled with action lines and a sense of intense combat.

SMATTERING
THE RECORD
FOR THE
FASTEST
LEVEL-UP TO
LEVEL TWO, A
NEW RECORD
HOLDER
HAS BEEN
BORN—

TIME
AS AN
ADVENTURER
ABOUT
ONE
MONTH

TOTAL
MONSTERS
SLAIN:
3,001

THE
STORY OF A
BOY WITH
ENGRAVINGS
ON HIS
BACK...





BELL-
KUNT?
ARE
YOU SURE
YOU'RE UP
FOR THIS?



YOU CAN'T
USE
THAT
PILE OF
SCRAP
ANYMORE...

THEN
GET
SOME
NEW
ARMOR
ON THE
WAY.



YEP!
MY
BODY
FEELS
PRETTY
GOOD.

IT'S
ABOUT
TIME I
TELL THE
GUILD I'M
LEVEL TWO
NOW.



...SO
IT'S LIKE
SOME-
THING
MADE
BY THE
SAND
SMITH?

TRUE...
BUT IT
WAS A
GREAT
SET OF
ARMOR...



WELL
GOODNESS—

I'M
HEADING
OUT!







カッ
キ



カッ
キ

カッ
キ



カッ
キ

JUST
WAIT 'N'
SEE...

THE
ARMOR'S
GONNA BE
AWESOME!

STEP 47 >>

THE SECRET CONNECTION BETWEEN LEVELING UP
AND A CONFERENCE OF DEITIES









REACHING
LEVEL TWO
IN ABOUT A
MONTH IS
FAST AND ABOUT
THE FASTEST
LEVEL-UP ON
RECORD, YOU
KNOW?

THE ISSUE
HERE ISN'T
THAT YOU
LEVELLED
UP BUT THE
SPEED AT
WHICH YOU
DID IT...

YES...
THAT'S
TRUE...
IT WILL
BE AN-
NOUNCED,
BUT...

ALSO...
MY HEAD
HURTS
ALREADY
...

DETROS
CAN'T GET
ENOUGH OF
THE "NEVER
BEEN DONE
BEFORE"
STORIES.

IT'LL
COME
TO LIGHT
EVENTUALLY
BUT I
WANTED
TO KEEP IT
SECRET AS
LONG AS
POSSIBLE
...



THAT'S
PROBABLY
THE ONE
THAT HE
SLEW,
BUT...



THEN
THERE IS
THE
MIND-
TEAR.

NEWS OF
A RECENT
SLAYING IN
THE UPPER
FLOORS FILLED
LEVEL ONE
ADVENTURERS
WITH FEAR.

HOW DID
HE DO
SUCH A
THING??



FROM
GAINED

...A
LEVEL ONE
ADVENTURER
DEFEATING
A LEVEL TWO
CITYFORD
MONSTER—



...I'M
SORRY

...I
WANT
TO
SEE
YOU



HEY?

NO,
THAT'S
...

...I GOT
IT NOW.

I'VE
GOT A GOOD
IDEA NOW.
LITTLE YOU
ACTUALLY
LISTEN TO
WHAT I SAY.



DON'T BE
RECKLESS.

UNDER-
STOOD?

Y-YES?



...BELL-
EON.

YOUR
DECISION
NOT TO
RUN
AWAY...
...MAY
HAVE
BEEN
THE
RIGHT
ONE.



ARE
YOU
DOWN
...

...ONE
WRONG
MOVE,
AND YOU
WOULDN'T
BE HERE
NOW.

PLEASE
DON'T
FORGET...

...EVERY-
THING IS
MEANING-
LESS ONCE
YOU'RE
DEAD.



OKAY?

THAT'S
ENOUGH
REPRIMAND-
ING FOR
TODAY—

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH

YOU'VE
BEEN
WORKING
VERY
HARD.

BELL-
SEN...

CONGRAT-
ULATIONS
ON YOUR
ADVANCEMENT
TO LEVEL TWO

OR
ANY
...
THERE'S
SOME-
THING I
WANTED TO
ASK YOU
ABOUT.

IS THE
LEVEL-
UP
REPORT
ALL YOU
NEED
TODAY?

OH YES,
THIS WILL
BE YOUR
FIRST ONE.

DO YOU
WANT A
FEW
OPTIONS
TO
CHOOSE
FROM?

Advanced
Statistics.

An
adventurer
can
acquire
one
every
time
their
status
goes up
one
level.
Gathering
from
Basic
Statistics,
it grants
special
or even
profes-
sional-
level
power.

IT'S
ABOUT
ADVANCED
ABILITIES





MY GOALS?

YES.

THE
SIMPLEST
WAY TO
DECIDE
BETWEEN
THEM IS
TO THINK
ABOUT
YOUR
GOALS.



FOR
MELISSA,
SPRIGENT
DUNGEON-
CRAWLING
...
I HIGHLY
RECOMMEND
IT

IF
YOU'D
LIKE
TO
BEAT
THE
DUNGEON
...
...THE
"MARTIN"
WILL
SERVE
YOU WELL.
WELL-
WELL.



IN THAT
CASE,
YOU'LL NEED
A GREAT
DEAL OF
"LUCK"...

AT
LEAST
I THINK
SO.

...THAT
MAY COME A
TIME WHEN
YOU NEED
TO...

...MAY BE
AN EVEN MORE
THAN ANYTHING
ELSE

...IF YOUR
GOAL IS
SOMETHING
LOFTER,
SOMEPHASE
CURRENTLY OUT
OF REACH...

BUT...



BECAUSE
WHICHEVER
YOU CHOOSE
WILL BE THE
ABILITY YOU
NEED RIGHT
NOW—

THERE
IS NO
WRONG
ANSWER

...SO BE
CONFIDENT
WHEN YOU
CHOOSE,
DARYL?



...TO
LEARN
"LUCK."

I'D
LIKE—
...



I SEE.



I'M
GONNA
BE
LEVEL
TWO!

LEVEL
TWO...

R-
REALLY?

...BUT
IN YOUR
CASE, IT
HAPPENED
TOO FAST
TO BE
NOSTALGIC.

THAT'S
RIGHT!
IT FEELS
LIKE ONLY
YESTERDAY
YOU SLEW A
GOBLIN AND
CAME BACK
HERE ALL
SMILES.



AT
LONG
LAST,
YOU'RE
LEVEL
TWO,
BELL-
KUN
...

...IS
WHAT TO
NORMALLY
SEE...



BUT YOUR STATUS IS THE REAL DEAL.

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PULL OFF MOVES YOU NEVER KNEW YOU COULD WHEN THINGS GET CRAZY.

"I FEEL SO MUCH POWER OVERFLOWING—I'VE NEVER HAPPENED, YOU KNOW?"

IT'S NOT LIKE THE STRUCTURE OF YOUR BODY CHANGED, YOU KNOW?

!

.. ALL THINGS.

I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT.

...

A SKILL.

AND ..

THERE'S MORE NEWS, BILL-KUN!



...OH?



IT'S YOUR
SEC—
NOT!
I
MEAN,
YOU
KNOW...

Bell Criminal
Level 2

Strength: 10
Defense: 10
Dexterity: 10

Agility: 10
Magic: 10
Luck: 10

•Magic:
•"Fireball"—Swift-Strike Magic
•Skill:
•"Dragonet"—Executes automatically after
charging from active actions



OH...

OOHNN
—!!



neef...?

OFF—ah?



SAME
GOES
FOR
THEIR
NAMES.
THAT
MEANS—

WAIT A
SECOND?
I'VE HEARD
SKILLS AND
MAGIC ARE
AFFECTED
BY AN
ADVENTURER'S
PERSONALITY
AND
ASPIRATIONS!



EVEN
AT THIS
AGE, YOU
REALLY DO
IDOLIZE
THE
HEROES
IN FAIRY
TALES
...

...DON'T
YOU...?

"BRO-SIST,"
THE
DEGREE
TO BE A
HERO...
EH?

SHE KNOWS MY
DARKEST
SECRETS!

SHE
KNOWS!

WHA...
WHAAAA
R



BELL-
MIN...



WHAAAA
GODDESS,
HOW
COULD
YOUUUU?



—THAT'S
CUTE.



NOW,
GET UP
ALREADY.

I'M
SORRY
IF
YOU'RE
HURT.

**THEN WHY
ARE YOU
GRINNING
LIKE
THAT?!**

DO YOU
KNOW
HOW
FEW
"CHILDREN"
CAN
STAY
PURE
IN
THIS
DUTY
AND
AGE?

WHAT'S
THE
PROBLEM
WITH
YOU
WANTING
HEROES
ANYWAY?



HEROIC DESIRE...
ARSONAULT, THE STORY
OF A HELPLESS BOY
WHO GOES TO RESCUE
A BEAUTIFUL QUEEN
AFTER SHE GETS
KIDNAPPED BY
A BULL-MONSTER.

COMPARED TO THE MAIN
CHARACTER IN OTHER
STORIES, HE'S BY FAR
THE LEAST HEROIC...

...BUT GRANDP'S REALLY
LIKED HIM FOR SOME
REASON.



SORRY,
WHAT
DOES
THIS
SMILE
ACTUALLY
DO...?

...LEAV-
ING THE
NAME
ALONE
FOR THE
MOMENT
...
...I
DON'T
REALLY
UNDER-
STAND
IT.



HMM...

I GUESS
I JUST
HAVE
TO
SEE
HOW
IT
WORKS
IN
BATTLE.

WELL,
IT'S
A BIT
HARD
TO
EX-
PLAIN

...BUT
IT TURNS
ON WHEN
YOU CON-
SCIOUSLY
ATTACK
OR TAKE
ACTION.



GOES WITH FREE
TIME SET
TOGETHER...

...AND
GACHONE
TITLES
FOR
THOSE
WHO
LEVELLED
UP

TODAY
IS A
DEADLINE.
THEY ONLY
HAPPEN
ONCE
EVERY
THREE
MONTHS.



HEHE? YOU'RE
WORKING
TODAY?

TIME
FOR
ME
TO
GO.



TITLE!

THE SWORD PRINCESS — KENKI



...
BABER,
AREN'T
YOU?

REALLY
IF
SO
THEN,
I'M
GONNA
GET A
SECOND
NAME
LIKE AIZ-
SANT



WE'LL
PROBABLY
DECIDE
YOUR
TITLE
TODAY.

...SO
I CAN
ATTEND.

YOU'RE
LEVEL TWO
NOW, BELL-
KIM...

ALL OF THE
TITLES COME
AND GOVERNORS
COME UP WITH
AND NO COOL
AND REFRESH

ADVANCED
LIKE "HALLS
BESIDE
OF BLACK
FLAME"—DARK
ANGEL—ARE SO
IMPRESSIVE THEY
EVEN SOUND
STRONG!

THE
MUSIC

OF
COURSE
I AM!

TITLES ARE
LIKE AN
ADVEN-
TURE'S
BANNER!

—OH.
THAT'S
WHAT YOU
MEAN.

IT'S HARD
TO SAY THAT
I'M NOT
HAPPY TO SEE
YOU ALL
AT THE SAME
TIME... BUT...

...HAYO?
I'M HAVING?

AND
WHY'S
SHE
LOOKING
AT ME LIKE
THAT?

SHE'S
SO
FAR!?

EH...
WHAT...?

... THAT'S
RIGHT.

IT'S
STILL
TOO
EARLY
FOR THE
CHILDREN
HERE.

IT'S
ALL RIGHT,
BELL-KUN.
THERE WILL
COME A DAY
WHEN YOU
UNDERSTAND.





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A PREVIOUSLY
UNPUBLISHED
STORY FROM
FUJINO OMORI



SPECIAL CHAPTER

A NOVICE TEACHER



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“...Not, quite.”

Aiz closed the book in her hands and placed it gently back on the shelf.

The smell of old books and parchment filled the air of an archive deep inside *Loki Familia*’s home. Every member of the familia was free to browse through the vast collection of Dungeon-related material and rather random books their goddess had collected as a hobby. The bookshelves were filled with used grimoires, tales of heroes, and other miscellaneous literature. With the tall shelves lined up in neat rows, the wide chamber seemed to impart the feeling of a library.

Aiz made her way through the small maze of shared resources, only stopping when her eyes spotted the title of an interesting book. She’d take it off the shelf, read it, and put it back before repeating the process over and over again.

She had been training a member of a different familia, Bell Cranell, for the past few days.

Be that as it may, she had very little experience as an

instructor. With no knowledge or lesson plan, teaching the boy combat techniques was a real challenge. Even so, somehow, the boy picked things up very quickly—he listened to Aiz's teachings and accepted them in an honest and straightforward manner. He was the perfect student from a teacher's point of view. Therefore, she sought the wisdom of those who came before her and spent hours combing the archive for the books containing their insight.

Aiz read comprehensive treatises on strategy, encyclopedias of weaponry, and even books with such shady titles as *Adventurers! Aim for the Top Class!* from cover to cover. Her eyes passed over every page of any book dealing with martial arts and any style of combat.

So, sleepy, but...I can do, just a little more.

In fact, Aiz was involved with training members of her own familia, not just Bell. She would wake up in the dead of night to work with the white-haired boy until sunrise before returning home and sparring with her lower-ranking allies, all the while preparing for *Loki Familia's* next expedition. She had very little time to rest. Aiz may have been one of Orario's top-class adventurers, but even she would fall asleep the moment she let her guard down.

The moon was already shining in the sky by the time she finished hatching.

Aiz, dressed in her sleep clothes as she continued reading, didn't really understand why she was putting forth so much effort. Of course, she was the one who suggested the training in the first place and would feel guilty for wasting his time. She swore not to let that happen.

It was still too early for Aiz to identify these strange feelings bubbling up within her.

"...!"

Then...

Her finger stopped on top of a particular line in a book she had been flipping through.

She stood like a statue in front of the bookshelf; her breathtaking golden eyes were wide open, staring. It was as if her pupils were nailed to the spot.

"Reward the ones who try their best. This will strengthen your bonds and increase the likelihood they will live up to your expectations."

It was a passage of just two sentences.

Aiz had found the book that would revolutionize her teaching style.

Its title: *You Can Become the Rabbit ☆ Master!*

The next morning, in a place with a perfect view of the brightening eastern sky, the city wall...

Bell was much more restless than usual this day after their training concluded. His blood was pumping with excitement.

It was all because of his instructor's promise:

"If you try very hard today, I'll give you a reward..."

That was what she'd said right before starting the day's practice.

A reward...? What kind of reward? I-I don't think it'll be anything too odd, but...!

All sorts of images ran like wildfire through Bell's mind. It was only natural; the person he admired more than anyone else had said that she would "reward" him. His cheeks blushed in spite of himself, slack jaw tightening to keep his mouth closed.

Aiz paused for a moment before returning her saber to its sheath. Then, she approached him.

"Today, you did well...so, here, this is your reward."

Bell, full of expectations, watched as the girl presented him with...a reddish-orange root.

A carrot rested in her outstretched hand.

"..."

"..."

"..."

"..."

"..."

"...Eh?"

Several moments passed. The young boy's eyes became little more than dots on his face. Meanwhile, Aiz was overcome with flustered confusion.

"Um, do you...not like them?"

"Eh, ah, no!!.....I'm...happy."

Bell managed to squeeze the words through his constricted throat. A wave of relief washed over Aiz's face.

The boy took the carrot from her, cold sweat running down his back. "I'm glad," beamed the girl, hands pressed against her chest.

A-a carrot? Why a carrot...?

It would be a long time and take much more interaction before the boy understood the reason for her naive misstep...

Aiz had asked Tiona and Finn for advice three days earlier.



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MY FAVORITE PART OF THE ORIGINAL STORY, THE "MINOTAUR ARC," CAME TO A CLOSE IN THIS VOLUME. IT WAS AN HONOR TO DRAW MY WAY THROUGH IT. I HOPE THAT THE INTENSITY OF THE ORIGINAL NOVEL CAME THROUGH IN MY WORK.

ALSO, THIS VOLUME STRETCHED INTO THE BEGINNING OF THE ORIGINAL'S BOOK FOUR. IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR WELF TO JOIN THE STORY. I'M RATHER FOND OF THIS GUY, SO I WANT TO DO HIM JUSTICE.

PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT INSTALLMENT.

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IS IT WRONG TO TRY TO PICK UP GIRLS IN A DUNGEON? ⑥

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